IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

application of:

NOV 2 7 2001 ph R. BYRUM et al.

(ppln. No.: 09/199,129

Filed:

November 24, 1998

For:

Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other

Molecules associated with Plants

Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Madam:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Communication be extended two (2) months from October 6, 2001 to December 6, 2001, by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$400.00 for a two (2) month extension for a large entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying Check No. 200756. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-1824 referencing docket number 16517.001/38-21(15075)B. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

11/28/2001 GTEFFERA 00000112 09199129

01 FC:116

400.00 OP

Date: November 27, 2001

ARNOLD & PORTER 555 12th Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20004 202.942.5000 telephone 202.942.5999 facsimile

Art Unit:

1635

Examiner:

K Lacourciere

Atty. Docket: 38-21(15075)B

12 | K.T. 11/30/01 re E.O.T. 2 mos.

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Marsh (Reg. No. 41408) by June E. Cohan (Reg. No. 43,741)